

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>, unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and section 104(c) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the Acts prohibit certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for

any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17. Service regulations regarding permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the MMPA with respect to any marine mammals are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 18.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the marine mammal applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

III. Marine Mammal Protection Act Permit Applications

We invite comments on the following applications.

Permit No. PER0033795

Applicant: Dorothy N. Baker, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA

The applicant requests a permit to import 81 dugong (*Dugong dugon*) DNA extracts, from New Caledonia, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

Permit No. PER0040980 (Legacy PRT #84799B)

Applicant: Randall Davis, Texas A&M University Galveston Campus, Galveston, TX

The applicant requests a renewal of their permit to observe and film northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) in Prince William Sound, Alaska, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

IV. Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act

of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[GX22EN05ES90000; OMB Control Number 1028-NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Evaluation of the Arctic Rivers Project

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 5, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to gs-info_collections@usgs.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-NEW in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Ryan Toohey by email at rtoohey@usgs.gov or by telephone at 907-865-7802. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's

reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the USGS minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: We will collect information from stakeholders of the Arctic Rivers Project, which include representatives of Indigenous communities in Alaska, representatives of Indigenous organizations, and others regarding the effectiveness of participatory methods and achievement of overall project goals. Evaluation information will be collected via semi-structured interviews, surveys, and polls. Questions will focus on the relevancy of the project to participants, methods used to engage with participants, feedback about project components, input for the direction of the project, preferred communication methods, current and future use of project products. This information will allow for a greater understanding of the effectiveness of community engagement, the co-production process, and participation in the direction of the project. This information will help guide the project through its various phases, and it will help enhance communication and product development.

Title of Collection: Evaluation of the Arctic Rivers Project.

OMB Control Number: 1028–NEW.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: NEW.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals/Tribal governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 150.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 150.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 60 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 150.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Once per year for two years.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Stephen Gray,

Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center Director, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLMTL01000–L161000000.PN0000–223; MO #4500161643; MTM–89170–02]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Public Meeting; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw 912.33 acres of public lands in Phillips County, Montana, from appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from the mineral leasing or the mineral materials disposal laws for up to 20 years, subject to valid existing rights, to protect the Zortman-Landusky Mine reclamation site. Publication of this notice segregates the lands from the laws specified for up to 2 years, subject to valid existing rights. This notice initiates a 90-day public comment period and announces an opportunity to participate in a virtual public meeting.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 6, 2022.

A virtual (online) public meeting in connection with the withdrawal application and segregation will be held on June 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be sent to: Malta Field Office, Attn: Field Manager, 501 South 2nd St East, Malta, Montana 59538; or sent by email to mrlee@blm.gov. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will not consider comments received via telephone.

The virtual meeting will be held via Zoom at <https://blm.zoomgov.com/j/1616502018?pwd=d1hHenZNdnk2ZmhqY0tPaFUxMUFAUT09>. Meeting ID: 161 650 2018. Passcode: 544914. Or call 833–568–8864 US Toll-free.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Micah Lee, Realty Specialist, Havre Field Office, BLM Montana/Dakotas, telephone: (406) 262–2851, email: mrlee@blm.gov; or you may contact the BLM office at the address noted earlier. Persons in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 7–1–1 (TTY, TDD, or Tele Braille) to access telecommunications relay services to contact Ms. Lee. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant is the BLM and its petition/application requests the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw the following-described public lands from appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing and mineral materials disposal laws, subject to valid existing rights, to protect the Zortman-Landusky Mine area and to facilitate reclamation and stabilization for a 20-year term.

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 25 N., R. 24 E.,

sec. 1, lots 14 and 15;

sec. 11, lot 9;

sec. 12, lots 11, 12, 13, 17, and 25;

sec. 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

sec. 14, lot 3;

sec. 21, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

sec. 23, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 25 N., R. 25 E.,

sec. 6, lots 13 thru 16, lot 18, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

sec. 16, lot 2, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

sec. 17, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 912.33 acres.